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In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, as follows:

This application is a Continuation Application of Non-Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 09/976,496 filed on October 12, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,609,345, which claims priority from Japanese Patent Application Serial No. 2000-314678 filed October 16, 2000.